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見どころ 1

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おざわゆき & こうの史代
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講談社連合対談企画
【進撃の巨人】
実写映画&アニメの
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【人は見た目が100パーセント】大久保ヒロミ
【ハイジと山男】安藤なつみ
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【ふくふくふにゃ〜ん】こなみかなた
【ハロー姉妹】南国ばなな
【亀のジョンソン】大島安希子

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【ヤマトナデシコ七変化♡】の
はやかわともこ初登場!
【ストロベリーピーチ】

元気をくれる盲導犬物語!
ハッピー!ハッピー♪
波間信子

ナッキーの激動から目が離せない!
生徒諸君!
最終章・旅立ち
庄司陽子

見どころ 4

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小泉徳宏監督
インタビュー
実写化にかける思いを語る!

ちはやふる

末次由紀

Yuki Sueisugu

THE FINAL STAGE OF THE TOKYO QUALIFIER, WITH NO SECOND CHANCES FOR ANYONE.

WHAT DOES CHIHAYA FEEL IN HER LAST SUMMER OF HIGH SCHOOL?

コミックス最新28巻 8月12日(水)発売!!

「ちはやふる」の小泉徳宏監督スペシャルインタビューを掲載!!

今号の冒頭に、映画「ちはやふる」

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Match Tokyo Qualifier, Final stage

School Tomihaza West High

1	Suta
	Hasegawa
	Honjo
	Hayami
	Oki

Match Tokyo qualifier, Final stage

School Mizusawa High

1	Ayase
2	Tamaru
3	Nishida
4	Ooe
5	Komano

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MOTHER, CALLI-GRAPHY BRUSH!!!

I could understand a calligraphy pen, but a brush?

I HAVE ONE FOR YOU RIGHT HERE!

YOU DOP!

I NEED TO REDO THE WRITING FOR OUR LIST AS WELL!!!

THIS HEART-FELT RESPECTFUL ATTITUDE TO THE MATCHES...

THESE EMOTIONALLY CHARGED CHARACTERS WRITTEN WITH A BRUSH...!!!

BUT INSTEAD SHE ENDED UP MATCHED UP AGAINST THEIR CAPTAIN!

DAMN! I HOPED THAT WITH THIS RUNNING ORDER, TAMARU WOULDN'T HAVE TO FIGHT AGAINST THE OPPONENTS' POINT GETTER.

BUT WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE OTHER MATCHUPS, IT'S NOT THAT BAD, PRETTY BALANCED EVEN, NO?

Tsukuba-kun wrote theirs

TOKYO METROPOLIS PRELIMINARIES

FINAL STAGE

2ND MATCH

MIZUSAWA HIGH VS TOMIHARA WEST HIGH

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STOP IT AND PLEASE LINE UP.

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精神統一 MENTAL CONCENTRATION

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Actually
I ALSO MADE HEAD-BANDS.
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THEM?
CAN THEY HELP THE TEAM WIN?
EH?
THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS, MIYAUCHI-SENSEI.
NOW THAT THEY HAVE THE TASUKI ON, IT WILL MAKE MOVING A LOT EASIER FOR THEM.
THANKS GOODNESS! I'M SO GLAD I MADE IT IN TIME BEFORE THE SECOND MATCH...
PHEW
ESPECI-ALLY TO THE BOYS.
THEY'RE GOOD FOR PREVENTING SWEAT FROM GETTING INTO ONE'S EYES, AFTER ALL, SO THEY MIGHT BE USEFUL.
THEY MIGHT COME IN HANDY, AS A LAST RESORT...
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OH, OOE-SAN, YOU'RE HERE TODAY, TOO?
GOOD AFTER-NOON.
AH, AYASE-SAN.
"MASHIMA-SAN"?!
AH, MASHIMA -SAN.
I HAD TO RUSH HERE TO DELIVER SOMETHING CHIHAYA FORGOT...

AS HIS MOTHER, DO YOU HAPPEN TO KNOW, BY ANY CHANCE, WHY DID MASHIMA-KUN QUIT THE KARUTA CLUB?

OH PLEASE DON'T SAY THAT!

THANKS, BUT NO THANKS. I'M ABOUT TO LEAVE.

AH BUT WHAT ABOUT THE MATCH...

OH DEAR, OH DEAR, OH DEAR.

WHAT DO WE DO? WHAT DO YOU SAY IF WE GO SOMEWHERE AND DRINK SOME TEA TOGETHER?

I WAS REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO HELPING MASHIMA-KUN GET DRESSED IN A HAKAMA THIS YEAR AS WELL, YOU KNOW!

EH...

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I EVEN BROUGHT A GOOD CAMERA PRECISELY FOR THAT...

THE PRECIOUS, ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME MOMENTS WITH THE 18 YEAR OLD MASHIMA-KUN THAT I SO WANTED TO CAPTURE...

THE THIRD YEAR OF THE RIEKO COLLECTION AND...

THE MIZUSAWA KARUTA CLUB HAS HAKAMA AS THEIR UNIFORM, HUH...

I DID NOT KNOW ...

REALLY NOW...

WHY DID TAICHI DECIDE TO QUIT HIS KARUTA CLUB...?

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Haruta win!

WHAT IS THIS FEELING, I WONDER...

SO GENTLE,

YET SO FAST...

IT'S SUCH A NICE FEELING

TO BE FACE TO FACE WITH HER...

Karuta win!

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THAT BEAUTIFUL WRITING BELONGS TO YOU.

AAH,

IT WAS YOU, WASN'T IT.

Karuta win!

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yo~
Ta~

COME ON, YOU HAVE GOT TO TRY COMPETITIVE KARUTA. IT'S FUN!

EH?

EH?

I COULDN'T EVEN IMAGINE THAT SHE'D BECOME THIS STRONG.

IT'S BEEN ONLY A YEAR SINCE HAYAMI-SAN STARTED PLAYING KARUTA...

MEMORIZING THE HYAKUNIN ISSHU IS A BIT OF A CHALLENGE THOUGH

EH?

IT..

IT WON'T BE A PROBLEM. I'VE BEEN PRACTICIING CALLIGRAPHY FOR A LONG TIME

AND USING OGATA KOURIN'S WRITINGS OF THE HYAKUNIN ISSHU AS A REFERENCE.

THE BLACK AND WHITE WORLD.

BUT BACK IN THE BEGINNING SHE SAID SOMETHING AMAZING...

...I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S ACTUALLY TRUE OR NOT,

BY I SOULD OR I CHARACTER?

YOU TELL THE CARDS APART

TO ME, WHAT DIFFERENTIATES ONE CARD FROM ANOTHER IS...

...I STROKE.

THIS PER-SON'S DEEP LOVE

FOR HARMONY ...

start

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(;´д`)

KEEP IT TOGE-THER

OOE-SEN-PAI...

AMAZ-ING...

I'M NOT ENTI-RELY SURE HOW,

BUT I CAN FEEL IT...

(;´д`)

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YOU SHOULD PUT YOUR HANDS CLOSER TO THE CARDS.

ESPECIALLY [illegible]

I CAN'T HAVE MY COLLAR IN DISARRAY.

IT MAKES ME WANT TO TAKE CARDS BEAUTIFULLY, TOO.

DONE.

I ALSO NEED TO STAIGHTEN THE CLOTH AROUND MY KNEES, TO AVOID WRINKLES.

[illegible]

...

CHIN UP, AS IT'S SUPPO-SED TO BE,

KANA-CHAN

THE CARDS ...

CLOSER TO THE CARDS...

I'M SITTING BEFORE THE CARDS.

THAT'S RIGHT. RIGHT NOW,

THESE ARE THE VERSES I WANT TO READ OUT LOUD.

SHE'S SO COOL!

CLOSER!

WHEN IT COMES TO DARING TAKES FROM THE REMOTE PARTS OF THE FORMATION,

IT WORKS EVEN AGAINST TAMARU-SAN, AFTER ALL.

I MAY BE LOSING TO HER

BUT-I'M CONFIDENT IN MY COMPACT KARUTA

HER REACTION IS BEWIELDINGLY SHARP

WHICH MEANS, SHE IS BLESSED WITH EXTRAORDI-NARY HEARING

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AND ALSO LONG ARMS!

I'M NOT SURE, BUT...

Karuta Win!

IT'S MY THIRD YEAR PLAYING KARUTA.

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ふりつつ

IN THE COURSE OF THIS PERIOD, I'VE COME TO HAVE

A NUMBER OF MY OWN BEST CARDS I'M ALWAYS ON THE OFFENSIVE FOR.

2 AND 3-SYLLABLE CARDS ARE THIS PERSON'S FORTE, NO DOUBT.

THAT'S WHY SHE DIDN'T EXPECT TO LOSE 'TAGO' TO ME JUST NOW?

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TO MISTAKES, YOU KNOW?

Ta-

RUSHING WILL ONLY LEAD

re wo ka mo~

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I'VE COMMITTED A FAULT.

AHH.

IT WAS A DEAD CARD.

NEVER MIND, NEVER MIND.

SHE'S NOT USED TO RESORTING TO TACTICS AND STRATEGY,

not listening

AND THERE'S NO COMMUNICATION BETWEEN HER AND THE REST OF HER TEAM

NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES SHE WASHES HER HANDS, TRACES OF PAINT ARE STILL LEFT ON HER FINGERTIPS...

AND I LOVE IT!

THAT'S HOW COMMITTED SHE IS.

BUT...

EVEN IF THIS PLAYSTYLE IS NOT BEAUTIFUL,

I WILL STILL BRAVELY PRESS ON

AND MAKE USE OF HER WEAK-NESSES.

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TAMARU-SAN, GREAT JOB! NICE TAKE!

TAKE THE NEXT ONE AS WELL!

YOU CAN DO IT! YOU CAN DO IT!

"THIS KIND OF PRAISE IS EASILY GIVEN

EVEN WHEN IT'S NOTHING BUT LIES."

I WAS FINALLY ABLE TO TAKE A CARD.

GOOD!

THEY'RE NOT DOING IT BECAUSE THEY'VE ACCEPTED ME

OR BELIEVE IN MY STRENGTH.

SENPAIS ARE ONLY

ENCOURAGING AND PRAISING ME BECAUSE THEY WANT THE TEAM TO WIN.

BREATHE.

JUST BREATHE.

IT'S OK.

"THIS YEAR'S MIZUSAWA TEAM IS STILL STRONG!

Caruta

WE'VE GOT A PROMISING FIRST YEAR!"

AND NEITHER ARE MISHIDA-SENPAI AND KOMANO-SENPAI.

AYASE-SENPAI IS NOT SOMEONE

WHO WOULD LIE, I'M SURE OF IT.

SHE'S ONE OF THEM OUTCASTS."

I MAY HAVE WON TOURNAMENTS AND BECOME CLASS A...

BUT THE TRUTH IS

THE ONE WHO NEVER BELIEVED IN MYSELF

WAS ALWAYS ME.

IS SHE OK ~~?!

I'M ALSO WORRIED ABOUT AYASE-SENPAI! HER OPPONENT IS CLEARLY MUCH WEAKER THAN HER,

YET THE SCORE GAP DOES NOT REFLECT IT AT ALL..

I WON'T RUSH TO WIN.

I WILL BE THOROUGH.

WINNING BY LANDSLIDE SERVES NO PURPOSE.

I WILL STAY BY THEIR SIDE-

AND CONTINUE TO FIGHT ALONG-SIDE THEM.

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...THAT THIS IS WHAT TAICHI WOULD DO.

BECAUSE I'M SURE...

I WONDER

WHY TAICHI ISN'T AMONG THEM...

THAT THE CHILDREN FROM THE KARUTA CLUB WERE DULL.

I ALWAYS THOUGHT

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BUT THEY'RE ACTUALLY CUTTING A FINE FIGURE, AREN'T THEY.

track pants...

T-shirt...

...IS STILL PLAYING KARUTA, I'M SURE OF IT.

grass fibers from the tatami matting

BESI-DES...

MY SON ...

"THE MOMENT YOU FAIL TO KEEP THE TOP SPOT IN ACADEMICS IN YOUR GRADE, YOU WILL QUIT THE KARUTA CLUB!"

I SAID THAT TO HIM, YES,

BUT I NEVER EXPECTED HIM TO ACTUALLY COMPLY WITH MY DEMAND...

REALLY, DOES HE THINK HE CAN FOOL HIS MOTHER?

CHILD-REN...

"I WIN FOR WEST HIGH", COME ON! I TOLD YOU TO SAY IT LOUD AND CLEAR!

AH.

2 WINS FOR MIZU-SAWA!

HERE, TOO!

1 WIN FOR MIZU-SAWA!

THANK YOU FOR THE GAME.

AAH...

AAH!

3 WINS FOR MIZU-SAWA!

EVEN THOUGH THEIR ACT IS SO FULL OF HOLES.

THEY TRY SO HARD TO PRETEND THEY'RE LIVING ALL ALONE,

...CAN BE SUCH FOOLS.

True, so true

HUH?

IF THEY WIN HERE AND ADVANCE TO THE NATIONALS, HOW ABOUT GOING THERE TOGETHER TO SUPPORT THEM? WHAT DO YOU LADIES SAY?

SOUNDS GOOD!

I WASN'T THERE TO SEE THEM WIN THE NATIONALS FOR THE FIRST TIME,

SO I CAN'T POSSIBLY MISS THE MOMENT WHEN THEY REPEAT THAT SUCCESS, AND RISK INCURRING MY DAUGHTER'S ANGER!

I DON'T REALLY GET IT, BUT DOES THAT MEAN THEY'RE WINNING?

YES, THEY WON! MIZUSAWA WON!

EH... I THINK, YES.

NOW, IF YOU WILL EXCUSE ME.

AH...

I DON'T HAVE THAT MUCH FREE TIME ON MY HANDS!

IF MY SON ISN'T PARTICIPATING, I'M NOT COMING.

IF, BY SOME CHANCE, THE OCCASION WILL CALL FOR IT AGAIN...

THANK YOU FOR LENDING MY SON A KIMONO TO WEAR FOR THE MATCHES.

FIGURES...

OOE-SAN.

STOP

I WOULD LIKE TO CONSULT WITH YOU ON THE MATTER IN YOUR STORE.

...DON'T HAVE TO UNDER-STAND THEIR MOTHERS' FEELINGS.

BUT I AT LEAST WOULD WANT FOR MOTHERS TO UNDER-STAND EACH OTHER...

WEALTHY CUSTOMER PROMOTION

CHILDREN...

THE WINNER IS MIZUSAWA, WITH 3 WINS AND 2 LOSSES.

IN THE GAME BETWEEN MIZUSAWA HIGH AND TOMIHARA HIGH,

THE RESULTS OF THE 2ND MATCH OF THE TOKYO QUALIFIER:

THANK YOU FOR THE GAME.

IS IT A GOOD IDEA TO STILL KEEP HER ON THE STARTING LINEUP?

IS ALSO UNFORGIVABLE.

MY LOSS

EVEN IF OUR PLAYERS EACH WIN THEIR MATCH AGAINST HOKUOU, IT STILL WON'T GUARANTEE THAT WE'LL HAVE ENOUGH WINS TO ADVANCE TO THE NATIONALS

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TAMARU-SAN KEEPS LOSING, AND IT HURTS THE TEAM'S CHANCES IMMENSELY!

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?!

THANK YOU FOR THE GAME.

IN THE GAME BETWEEN HOKUOU AND HOUMEI,

THE WINNER IS HOKUOU, WITH 4 WINS AND 1 LOSS.

clap clap clap clap clap

BUT I CAN'T CELEBRATE.

IF ANYTHING, IT FEELS LIKE OUR BACK IS REALLY AGAINST THE WALL NOW!!!

UGH...

WE'VE FINALLY HAVE 1 WIN,

Tamaru win!

Tokyo Qualifier, Final Stage

	Hokuou	West	Houmei	Mizusawa	Team wins	Individual wins	
Hokuou		○ 4-1	○ 4-1				
West	✕ 1-4			✕ 2-3			
Houmei	✕ 1-4			○ 2-3			
Mizusawa		○ 3-2	✕ 2-3				
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SO ONLY HOKUOU WON BOTH ROUNDS...

AS EXPECTED, I GUESS.

HE IS THE TEAM'S CORE YET ALSO THEIR WEAKEST MEMBER...

THEIR CAPTAIN KEEPS LOSING LEFT AND RIGHT.

HMM?

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DESPITE THAT, AS A TEAM,

Cancel | New me

To: Mashima Taichi

Subject:

In 2nd round Mizusawa won 3 and lost 2 matches, barely making it. Doesn't look good for them come here already.

THEIR LINEUP HAS TO BE THE STRONGEST IN THESE LAST FEW YEARS.

click

I WOULD LIKE YOU TO PLAY AGAINST CHIHAYA-CHAN SOME DAY.

HAYAMI-SAN...

US AND MIZU-SAWA.

AT THE MOMENT, 2 SCHOOLS HAVE 1 WIN 1 LOSS RECORD

HERO

THE RUNNING ORDER FOR THE LAST MATCH

WILL BE WHAT MAKES IT OR BREAKS IT...

FIDGET...

SUDOU-SENPAI.

UM...

PLEASE SAY, "IF YOU LOSE, I'M GONNA BLOW YOU TO SMITHEREENS!" ♡

KYA

HUH?

AND THEN, I WOULD LIKE YOU, AMAKASU-SENPAI,

TO SAY, "PLEASE ONLY SAY "BLOW YOU" TO ME!"

WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE I DON'T UNDERSTAND SETA.

THIS IS SO FRUSTRA-TINGLY EASY THAT EVEN I'M GETTING DROWSY.

I CAN GUARANTEE YOU THAT I'LL WIN IF I'M UP AGAINST TAMARU AGAIN.

MAKING HER RECALL THE PAINFUL DAYS SHE SPENT IN OUR FORMER KARUTA SOCIETY WILL BE MORE THAN ENOUGH TO THROW HER OFF HER GAME.

SO, HYORO-SENPAI, CAN YOU PREDICT THEIR ORDER?

AH, BY THE WAY,

Kya—♡

HEY, SETA!

AND WHILE WE AT IT, WHAT SICK FANTASY ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE ME ENACT, YOU FREAK?!

DON'T SLEEP BEFORE THE LAST MATCH!

HEY, HEY, HEY, HEY, WHAT'S WITH THIS SICKENING ACT, YOU SHITHEAD?!

ドカッ

THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH TRYING TO UPSET YOUR OPPONENT'S PACE IN ORDER TO WIN A MATCH.

OOTA.

BUT IF YOU'RE DOING IT JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE NARROW-MINDED LIKE THAT,

WHILE YOU HAVE THE CHANCE.

STACK STACK

THEN REALIZE THIS SHORT-COMING OF YOURS

3 FIRST YEARS ON OUR STARTING LINEUP...

IT PISSES ME OFF, BUT...

2nd and 3rd years

...THIS TEAM IS THE STRONGEST ONE HOKUOU HAD IN RECENT YEARS.

NO MATTER HOW STRONG THEY MIGHT BE, IF WE DON'T DEFEAT HOKUOU HERE,

WE WON'T BE ABLE TO ADVANCE TO THE NEXT STAGE.

TBC in the next issue

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Yuki Suetsugu

THE FINAL STAGE OF THE TOKYO QUALIFIER... WHICH SCHOOLS WILL GET THE TICKETS TO OUMIJINGUU!!

Poem 150

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Cancel New message Send
To Mashima Taichi
Subject
In 2nd round Mizusawa won 3 and lost 2 matches, barely making it. Doesn't look good for them. Come here already.
Kinashi

The screen letting him know of Mizusawa's hard struggle, flickers slightly ceaselessly...

I'M NOT COMING

WELL, YOU SEE, I GOT AN INTERVIEW INVITATION FROM NHK.

AND THEY WANT TO RECORD IT IN KANSAI, APPARENTLY

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, SUOU-SAN?

Your hearing is way too sharp...

EH?

I THOUGHT SO. BUT I HOPED

YOU'RE NOT?

EH?

HUH?

MORE LIKE, "LET'S APPROACH THE REIGNING MEIJIN AND EXPOSE HIS TRUE COLORS", NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT.

IT MUST BE IT!

SOMETHING ALONG THE LINES, "LET'S APPROACH A SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT IN THE PAST AND A CHARISMATIC CRAM SCHOOL LECTURER IN THE PRESENT AND GET HIM TO SHARE HIS WISDOM"

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ARE YOU GOING TO ACCEPT?

THAT'S WHAT THEY WANT TO KNOW?!

EH?

SINCE IT'S HIM

THEY WILL BROADCAST IT ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY, RIGHT?

ARE YOU COMING WITH ME?

WHY SHOULD I? OF COURSE I'M NOT COMING.

WHAT A STICK IN THE MUD

THEN HOW ABOUT A TWO-ON-ONE MATCH WITH ME?

TOKYO METROPOLIS PRELIMINARIES
FINAL STAGE
MATCH 3
HOKUOU ACADEMY VS MIZUSAWA HIGH
SUOU-SAN'S QUIET VOICE LOUD AND CLEAR.
THAT HE NOW CAN HEAR
SURE, I'M COMING.
I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S TRUE BUT
THIS BOY SAID
THIS GUY IS STILL UP FOR MORE.
IT'S SUNDAY AND THEY'VE BEEN AT IT SINCE MORNING.
OH, WOW.
WHAT FUN IS IT PRACTICING AGAINST SUOU-SAN ANYWAY?
YOU'LL ONLY END UP MENTALLY BROKEN...

BUT TAMARU-SAN LOST 2 TIMES IN A ROW DESPITE BEING CLASS A...

AND TSUKUBA CAN'T SEEM TO STEP UP HIS GAME SINCE THE FIRST QUALIFIER...

SHOULD THEY STILL BE ON THE STARTING LINEUP? OR WOULD IT BETTER TO DROP THEM OFF IT?

REGARDLESS, WE STILL NEED TO RACK UP AS MANY WINS AS POSSIBLE

EVEN AGAINST HOKUOU AS OUR OPPONENTS.

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WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO WITH THE RUNNING ORDER, I WONDER

LIKE US, HOUMEI HAS A 1 WIN 1 LOSS TRACK RECORD, SO A LOT WILL DEPEND ON THE RESULTS OF THEIR LAST MATCH.

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Mizusawa		○ 3-2	✕ 2-3				

UH-HUH.

YES, LOOKS GOOD TO ME.

UH-HUH.

WHAT WILL THE SENPAIS' DECISION BE?

YEAH, DO THAT,

THANKS.

AH, THEN

I WILL GO DELIVER IT TO THE ADMINISTRATOR IN CHARGE.

WE'LL GO WITH THIS.

Match Final stage, match 3

School Mizusawa High

1	~~Tsukuba~~ ~~Doe~~ Tsukuba
2	Ayase
3	Tamaru
4	Nishida
5	Komano

TSUKUBA ~~~!

DON'T TELL ME YOU...?!

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YOU'RE MESSING UP WITH OUR RUNNING ORDER AGAIN LIKE YOU TRIED LAST YE---

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AH, NO, HANANO,

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU...

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WELL, THAT'S PRETTY MUCH WHAT I EXPECTED FROM YOU, TSUKUBA.

SHUT UP!

HE SCRATCHED OUT HIS OWN NAME AND WROTE DOE-SENPAI'S.

Match Final stage, match 3

School Mizusawa High

1	~~Tsukuba~~ ~~Doe~~ Tsukuba
2	Ayase
3	Tamaru
4	Nishida
5	Komano

THEN SCRATCHED OUT HER NAME AND PUT BACK HIS OWN.

BUT STILL...

IT WILL BE MY FAULT

I'M SCARED.

WHAT DO I DO IF TODAY'S TOURNAMENT BECOMES THE LAST ONE FOR THE SENPAIS BECAUSE OF ME?

WHAT WILL BECOME OF IT ALL IF I LOSE AGAIN?

"I WILL MAKE MIZUSAWA INTO A KARUTA POWERHOUSE LIKE HOKUOU ACADEMY."

WE WILL GO WITH, PLEASE TAKE IT.

THIS IS THE ORDER

NEXT YEAR, THE NEW MIZUSAWA CLUB PRESIDENT

THIS IS...

WILL PROBABLY BE ME!!!

TAMARU-SAN,

ARE YOU OK?

EH?

YES.

I'M FINE, I GUESS

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TAMARU-SAN, HAVE YOU BEEN TO OUMIJINGUU BEFORE?

Y-YES, PLENTY OF TIMES.

I THOUGHT SO!

YOU'RE ALWAYS WEARING A T-SHIRT WITH OOTSU HIKARU-KUN FOR THE CLUB'S PRACTICES, AFTER ALL!

Ootsu Hikaru

OOTSU

I OWN 10 OF THOSE T-SHIRTS ~~~

10?! WOW!

OUMIJINGUU IS A SACRED PLACE, YOU KNOW ~~~

IT'S ONLY NATURAL TO OWN THAT MANY FOR ANYONE WHO AIMS TO BECOME THE QUEEN...

EH?!

YOU AIM TO BECOME THE QUEEN?!

U-UM, M-MY PARE-NTS...

PARENTS?

TH-

THEY'RE BIG FANS OF SAKU-RAZAWA MIDORI, YOU SEE...

田丸翠

桜沢

Tamaru Midori

Sakurazawa

Tamaru Dad

Mom

Both spouses are Sakurazawa fans

Admirers of many years... ♡

Of course, big brother is a fan, too

SO THEY WANT ME TO BECOME AN AMAZING PLAYER LIKE HER...

THAT'S AMAZ-ING!!!

THAT'S ....

SO NOW YOU

SAKURA-ZAWA-SENSEI IN PERSON!

ABSOLU-TELY HAVE TO MEET

YOU'RE NAMED AFTER HER, AND YOU'VE COME STRAIGHT THIS FAR, AREN'T YOU!

THAT'S REALLY AMAZING!!!

PARTICIPATS, PLEASE LINE UP BY SCHOOLS!

ALL RIGHT, EVERYBODY! WITH 2 WINS IN 2 MATCHES, YOU'RE DOING GREAT!

GIVE IT YOUR ALL IN THE LAST MATCH AS WELL!

YOUR SENSEI EVEN CLEARED OUT ALL HIS SAVINGS FOR THE OCCASION!

I'LL TREAT YOU ALL TO YAKINIKU IF YOU WIN!!!

Th-This should enough to pay for it... P-Probably-

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NO NEED FOR NOW.

SAVE YAKINIKU FOR WHEN WE WIN AT THE BIG STAGE.

THIS YEAR, I'M SERIOUS ABOUT IT AND READY TO SPLURGE!!!

SENSEI.

MIZUSAWA PLAYERS CALLED US A POWER-HOUSE

WORTHY TO BE ADMIRED AND WANT TO BECOME LIKE US.

AND THEN NUMBER 1 IN THE WHOLE COUNTRY.

WE WILL BECOME NUMBER 1 IN TOKYO

SO THIS YEAR, FOR SURE.

WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU ALL TO CHEER FOR US!

TO READ OUT ALOUD THE MATCHUPS FOR MOKUOU ACADEMY AND MIZUSAWA HIGH BASED ON THE TWO SCHOOLS' RESPECTIVE RUNNING ORDERS.

NOW, ALLOW ME

VERSUS AYASE-SAN FROM MIZUSAWA HIGH.

KINASHI-KUN FROM HOKUOU ACADEMY

VERSUS TSUKUBA-KUN FROM MIZUSAWA HIGH.

SHIRO-YAMA-KUN FROM HOKUOU ACADEMY

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Lucky

VERSUS TAMARU-SAN FROM MIZUSAWA HIGH.

北大

OOTA-KUN FROM HOKUOU ACADEMY

Sympathy

SETA-KUN FROM HOKUOU ACADEMY

北

VERSUS KOMANO-KUN FROM MIZUSAWA HIGH.

Sudou-senpai♡

VERSUS NISHIDA-KUN FROM MIZUSAWA HIGH.

MIMA-KUN FROM HOKUOU ACADEMY

北少
Hayami-san
HE TAKES ON EACH TEAM'S RESPECTIVE ACE HIMSELF,
THIS STRATEGY STILL PROVIDES THE 4 CLASS A HOKUOU TEAM MEMBERS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO WIN THEIR GAMES WITHOUT MUCH PROBLEM.
AND EVEN IF HE IS DEFEATED,
Sasa-san

THIS YEAR, HYORO IS BEING VERY CONSISTENT.

HYORO'S PRETTY DAMN AMAZING.
RIGHT ON THE MONEY !!!

WOULDN'T THAT MAKE PEOPLE THINK THAT HOKUOU'S THIRD YEARS ARE WEAK AS HELL AND NOT WORTH JACK?

BUT IF HYORO'S NOT THE CAPTAIN AND DOESN'T EVEN WIN HIS MATCHES,

SO THE CAPTAIN IS THAT SECOND YEAR, SHIROYAMA?

HE DOESN'T RACK UP WINS LIKE THE CAPTAIN SHOULD.

THAT'S WHY HYORO ISN'T THE CAPTAIN.

SORRY

WHO'S SHE?

WAAAA

NORMALLY YOU NEVER

PAY THE LIKES OF ME ANY ATTENTION, CHIHAYA.

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SHUFFLE

THIS IS OUR FIRST TIME

PLAYING AGAINST EACH OTHER IN AN OFFICIAL MATCH, RIGHT, HYORO-KUN?

SHUFFLE

SHUFFLE

YEAH.

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カシャ

カシャ

YOU'RE COLD LIKE THAT, YOU KNOW.

YOU ONLY BOTHER LOOKING AT THOSE WHO ARE STRONGER THAN YOU.

TRUE

YES

北大

E-

EXCUSE ME.

GOTTA SAY, I KINDA FEEL SORRY FOR MIZUSAWA.

THEY GOT NO CHOICE BUT TO RELY ON THE LIKES OF YOU, TAMARU

HE GAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE ANOTHER GO AT YOU, TAMARU.

I'M SUPER LUCKY. WITH THIS, I CAN END THE DAY UNDEFEATED!

HYORO-SENPAI IS SERIOUSLY AWESOME.

北大

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Eh?!

DON'T TELL ME

And my name was announced when they were reading the matchups!

BE QUIET!

YOU ACTUALLY FORGOT MY NAME?!

WE'RE FROM THE SAME KARUTA SOCIETY, FOR FUCK'S SAKE!

AND WE'VE PLAYED EACH OTHER THE OTHER DAY!

IN MY LIFE, THERE WAS A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO IGNORED AND AVOIDED ME.

YOU'VE NEVER HAD ANY FRIENDS, YOU FOOL!

SHUT UP! WHAT THE HECK!

EHHH, SO YOUR NAME SEEMS TO BE "OOTA-KUN" AS I'VE JUST CHECKED WITH THE OFFICIAL.

"I'M LEFT OUT AGAIN."

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"GIRLS ARE SCARY."

ミレキ...

AND YOU WERE NOTHING MORE THAN ONE OF THE BYSTANDERS

WHO ONLY WATCHED THOSE PEOPLE FROM AFAR HIMSELF.

NOW YOU ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO MEET

SAKURAZAWA-SENSEI IN PERSON!

YOU'RE NAMED AFTER HER,

AND YOU'VE COME STRAIGHT THIS FAR, AREN'T YOU!

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北央

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Tokyo Qualifier, Final Stage

	Hokuou	West	Houmei	Mizusawa	Team wins	Individ wins	
Hokuou		○ 4-1	○ 4-1				
West	✕ 1-4		✕ 2-3				
Houmei	✕ 1-4			○ 2-3			
Mizusawa		○ 3-2	✕ 2-3				

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Sakuya
kono
hana-
kono
hana-
Fuyu-
gomo-
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Iwa
wo haru
be to-
Sakuya
kono
hana-

WHAT WILL HAPPEN NOW IN THIS TOKYO QUALIFIER?

ACTUALLY, EVEN TOMIHARA WEST, DESPITE THE TWO LOSSES, STILL HAS A CHANCE.

WHAT WILL BECOME OF IT?

AND DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL WINS, EVEN HOKUOU IS NOT SAFE FROM FALLING THROUGH HARD, DESPITE HAVING 2 TEAM WINS.

Imo wo haru be to- Sakuya kono hana-

AYASE IS

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THE FELLOW KARUTA PLAYER THAT I'VE KNOWN THE LONGEST.

COME BACK, MASHIMA.

I'M LONELY.

BEING BY THE 'TALENT'S' SIDE

IS SO PAIN-FUL.

THEN WHY IS THERE SUCH A GAP IN OUR STREN-GTH?

SHIFT

HAA

I THOUGHT ...

FUFU.

...BEING BY MEIJIN SUOU'S SIDE

WOULD BE MORE PAINFUL.

NHK SPECIAL, "LET'S APPROACH THE GENIUS KARUTA MEIJIN AND FIND OUT THE SECRET BEHIND HIS STRENGTH!"

FUFU FU...

FUFU... PEOPLE OFTEN SAY THAT TO ME..

MUST BE NICE TO BE A GENIUS.

ARGH

OWNED AGAIN--

---!

I FELL FOR IT HOOK, LINE AND SINKER

HAVE YOU EVER

STARTED A FIRE AS A GAME?

A fault!

AS SIMPLY YOUR SPEED OF STARTING A FIRE UNTIL YOU HAVE IT BURNING

I THINK OF IT

ALTHOUGH IT'S CALLED 'TALENT',

EH?

MAKE THE FIRE CATCH REAL QUICK

THOSE WITH TALENT

BUT THAT ALONE

MEIJIN SUOU TOOK HIS FIRST MEIJIN TITLE ONLY 3 YEARS AFTER STARTING PLAYING KARUTA.

WAKAMIYA SHINOBU BECAME THE QUEEN AT 15.

WHO YOU WANT TO WATCH YOUR INTERVIEW ON THE TV?

SUOU-SAN,

DO YOU HAVE SOME-ONE

Tsuki yadoru ran~

Chills

Kumo no izuko ni~

Arima-yama~

I HAVE TO BE RESOURCE-FUL.

SINCE I'M NOT BLESSED WITH TALENT,

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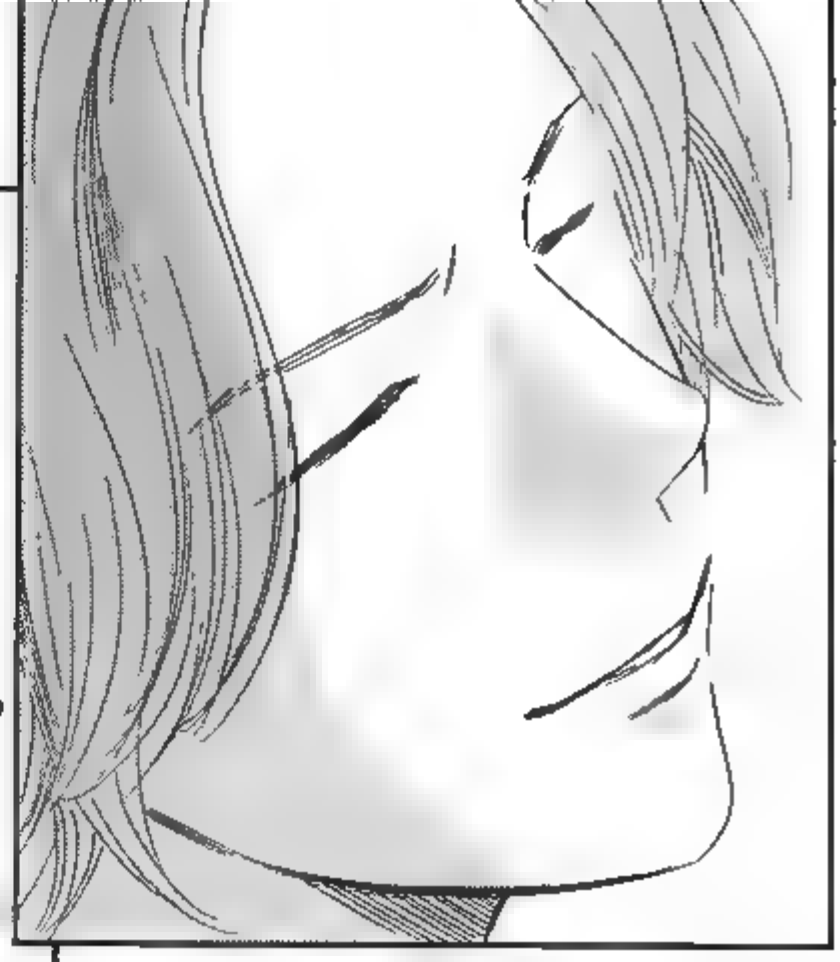
SO HEIA

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE I'M ACTUALLY HAVING FUN PLAYING KARUTA.

NOW THAT I'VE SEPARATED MYSELF FROM THE TEAM



AND AM ALONE AND ON MY OWN,

MASHIMA!

UKYU!

UGIH!

COME BACK!

COME BACK!

I NEVER KNEW HUMAN FINGERS CAN BEND AT THAT ANGLE ..!

HE TOOK 2 MULTISYLLABLE CARDS FROM ME...

I WILL TAKE THE NEXT ONE.

I WILL TAKE THE NEXT ONE.

I WILL TAKE THE NEXT ONE.

HYORO ...

...HAS CHOSEN TO TAKE ON ALL THE ACES OF HIS OWN WILL,

BUT IT'S NOT LIKE HE'S THROWING ANY OF HIS GAMES.

北中

I WILL TAKE THE NEXT ONE!

...HYORO.

THE PILLAR THAT SUPPORTS THE WHOLE TEAM'S FOCUS AND CONCENTRATION IS...

北中

IF MY TEAM WINS, IT'S STILL MY VICTORY.

EVEN THOUGH I LOSE,

TO SHOW THAT EVEN THOUGH I'M NOT BLESSED WITH TALENT,

I WANT TO SHOW IT TO YOU.

THE UNBEATABLE HOKUOU

SO COME BACK, NAGHIMA!

COME BACK AND CHECK OUT FOR YOURSELF

THAT I HAVE MADE!

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独占インタビュー

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【ハイジと山男】安藤なつみ
【屍活師―女王の法医学―】杜野亜希
【あとかたの街】おざわゆき
【ふくふくふにゃ～ん】こなみかなた
【ハロー姉妹】南国ばなな
【はっちゃん、またね】池沢理美

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ACTUALLY, NOT ONLY IS HE LISTENING TO THE SOUND,

HE'S LISTENING TO THE SOUND CAREFULLY, AND HIS KARUTA IS PURPOSE-DRIVEN...

北央

HE'S ALSO OBSERVING ME CLOSELY...

Shira-
tsuyu
wo~

THIS GUY IS GOOD...

HE DOESN'T MAKE ANY MISTAKES WHEN IT COMES TO THE SPLIT CARDS.

UGH...

?

ADORE

ALL OUR NEW FIRST YEAR MEMBERS WERE BROUGHT TO THE CLUB

BY HYORO-SENPAI.

SETA KAZUKI
(1ST YEAR)

OUR ACADEMY MAY HAVE BOTH MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL DIVISIONS, BUT IT DOESN'T MAKE FINDING NEW KARUTA CLUB MEMBERS AN EASIER TASK.

2nd year Kameda-kun who was dropped from the starting lineup

THAT'S HOKUOU FOR YOU

I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE THAT HOKUOU HAS 3 CLASS A FIRST YEARS ON THEIR STARTING LINEUP..

THEIR BENCH-STRENGTH SURE IS IMPRES-SIVE.

THE HOKUOU VOLLEYBALL IS CONSIDERED STRONG, IT EVEN APPEARS AT THE SPRING NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT FROM TIME TO TAKE..

I ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A SETTER, AND I WORKED HARD TO BECOME A GOOD ONE...

1st year in high school division

2nd year in middle school division

HEY, DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?

I KNOW YOU YOU'RE FROM THE VOLLEYBALL CLUB, RIGHT?

Alright, alright

C'MON YOU GOTTA RECEIVE PROPERLY SOMETHING THAT EASY!

HERE I GO!

NICE SERVE!

BUT AFTER ASKING ABOUT MY PARENTS' HEIGHT,

THEY TOLD ME THAT I CAN'T BE A SETTER WITH THIS HEIGHT.

THEY SAID I COULD TRY SWITCHING POSITIONS AND BECOME A LIBERO INSTEAD.

A LIBERO?

IT BEGAN WITH A MISTAKE.

They are from Italian

AWESOME, RIGHT?

Did you know?

"LIBERO" AND "KARUTA" ARE BOTH CAME INTO JAPANESE FROM PORTUGUESE.

HOW ABOUT TRYING KARUTA INSTEAD?

AND THEY CAN'T GO ON THE OFFENSIVE.

A LIBERO CAN'T BECOME THE CAPTAIN.

AH, I GET IT.

E-EXACTLY.

THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO BE A SETTER.

FLASH

FLASH

3rd year in high school division

Greed

AH, I APOLOGIZE!

I'M A FAN OF SUDOU-SENPAI...

2nd year in middle school division

HEY,

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

1st year in high school division

DAZED...

I WONDER IF SUDOU-SENPAI...

...IS A TOP OR A BOTTOM...

FOR YOURSELF?

WHY DON'T YOU JUST CHECK

HE LOOKS LIKE A VERY DOMINANT TOP,

BUT WHAT IF HE'S ACTUALLY A BOTTOM...? ♡♡

IS HE TALKING ABOUT DEFENDING THE TOP OR THE BOTTOM OF YOUR FORMATION ?

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WAAA

MIMA KEIICHIROU
(1ST YEAR)
2 YEARS AGO, WE LOST TO MIZUSAWA AND OUR STREAK OF CONSECUTIVE APPEARANCES AT THE NATIONALS WAS STOPPED.
THEN CAME THE TIME FOR SUDOU-KUN AND THE OTHERS WHO SERVED AS OUR MAINSTAY TO GRADUATE AND LEAVE THE CLUB
THAT WAS THE START OF THE HARD WINTER FOR THE HOKUOU KARUTA CLUB.
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF OOTA, WHO ALREADY HAD EXPERIENCE AND WAS A MEMBER OF A KARUTA SOCIETY,
ALL OUR NEW FIRST YEARS JOINED THE CLUB THANKS TO KONASHI-KUN'S EFFORTS...
Eh? Matches with the beginners? I'll pass.
Sucks at taking care of others
I've got a mixer to attend tomorrow!
Sucks at taking care of others
BUT IF NO NEW MEMBERS JOIN TO REPLACE THOSE WHO GRADUATED, IT WILL ALL OVER.
WE MAY BE HAILED AS A KARUTA POWER-HOUSE,

UGHH

I HAVEN'T GROWN UP EVEN 1CM SINCE LAST YEAR..!

WE HAD A PHYSICAL CHECKUP TODAY, AND...

WHAT'S WRONG, SETA-KUN?

UKYOH!

THAT'S...

TRY DIFFERENCIATING BETWEEN THEM BASED ON THEIR AUTHORS' *SEX*...

"FEMALE CARDS" AND "MALE CARDS", FOR EXAMPLE.

WOW!!!

LOOKING AT THEM IN THE *SEXUAL* WAY?!

I ALWAYS START PANICKING, LIKE, WOW, SO WHICH ONE AM I SUPPOSED TO TAKE?!

THE CARDS WITH THE SAME STARTING SYLLABLES ARE SUCH A PAIN~~~

"WOW"?

I HEARD THAT THE METHOD TO DIFFERENTIATE THEM BASED ON PICTURES ON THEM IS FUN.

YOU MEAN CARDS LIKE "HARU 3J" AND "HARU NO", RIGHT?

YEAR 1 CLASS 2 NUMBER 10 SETA KAZUKI

HEIGHT	157cm	WEIGHT	50.3kg
EYE SIGHT	Let's - go LE0.7 RE0.3	GRIP STR	to - Ou - mi LA41kg RA37kg

LET'S GO!!! TO OUMI------!!!

IT'S TRUE.

WOW, SETO-KUN.

LET'S GO!

Ukyo

GO

TO OUMI!

GO

Ukyo

Ukyo

IT'S HELPFUL IN MANY WAYS TO TRY ON THE READER'S SHOES THOUGH

WHY DON'T YOU ATTEND A TRAINING COURSE SOMETIME?

NO.

北央

DID YOU DO THE READING IN YOUR KARUTA SOCIETY?

BY THE WAY, OOTA-KUN,

北火
MOKUOU

THE ONE WHO NEVER FAILED TO BE KIND TO THE "TALENTLESS" CHILDREN

WAS ALWAYS KINASHI-KUN.

ARE YOU A PERV?!

WHILE BUN'YA NO ASAYASU MENTIONED "JEWELS" IN HIS POEM, AND IT GOT ME SO EXCITED!

BECAUSE TAIRA NO KANEMORI LOOKS LIKE A BOTTOM!

THE TYPE TO MAKE THE FIRST MOVE, TO BOOT

HOW COME ...?

AND THIS IS A FEMALE ONE.

THIS IS A MALE CARD.

EHH?!

OOTA, YOU'RE ONLY ALLOWED TO CALL HIM PERVERT ONCE IN HALF A YEAR.

COME UP WITH SOME OTHER NAMES TO CALL HIM.

HURRAY!

HIS WAY OF DIVIDING THE CARDS LOOKS AMUZING, SO I DON'T MIND!

Sun

Sweet

AWWW

Easily easily

PAT

...SERIOUSLY INTO THAT Y-YAOI STUFF, HUH...

MIMA IS...

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Reader

TRY TO BE SIMPLER IN YOUR PERCEPTION

AND JUST LISTEN TO THE SOUND.

IT'D BE GREAT IF YOU COULD PUT IT TO USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH HEARING.

北央

YOU HAD TO BE AWARE OF THE SITUATION ON THE COURT AS A WHOLE, AND IT REFINED YOUR PERCEPTION ABILITY.

YOU'VE GOT SOME GOOD PERCEPTION SKILLS, SETA.

PROBABLY BECAUSE YOU PLAYED SETTER.

THERE IS NO WAY KINASHI-KUN, WHO HAS HIS PRIDE, DIDN'T FEEL BITTER.

HUH?

SETA, YOU'VE BECOME THE RUNNER-UP IN 2 TOURNAMENTS! WHICH MEANS YOU CAN ADVANCE TO CLASS A NOW!

HURRAY!

OUR GENERATION IS STRONG!

I'M GONNA CATCH UP TO YOU GUYS DURING THE SPRING BREAK.

THE "TALENTLESS" CHILDREN ARE BECOMING "TALENTED".

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GYUDONTEI

IN THE FIRST HALF OF YOUR MATCH, JUST DON'T LET YOUR OPPONENT PUT A WIDE SCORE GAP BETWEEN YOU,

BUT WHEN ONE OF YOUR TEAMMATES LOSES, BUST OUT TURBO MODE AND GO ALL OUT.

ONE OF OUR TEAMMATES? WHICH ONE?

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHICH!

LISTEN, GUYS.

YOU MAY HAVE BECOME STRONG IN KARUTA, BUT YOU STILL LACK FOCUS.

AHH, YOU MEAN THAT SETO TENDS TO GET SLEEPY REAL FAST?

YOU, TOO, MIMA.

HOW DEDICATED AND HARDWORKING KINASHI-KUN IS...

BECAUSE THESE MEMBERS UNDER-STAND

AS A TEAM, THE CURRENT HOKUOU IS MORE COMPLETE

THAN IT EVER WAS BACK WHEN STRONG CAPABLE LEADERS WERE IN CHARGE

BECAUSE THEY SEE AND SENSE

EVEN THE SMALLEST OF DETAILS.

DAMN!

ARGH.

GOOD!

GOOD!

THAT'S AYASE FOR YOU...

WHEN IT COMES TO THE CARDS WITH LONG SYLLABLES, I CAN MANAGE SOMEHOW,

BUT I CAN'T EVEN HOPE TO KEEP UP WHEN IT'S THE SHORT-SYLLABLE ONES.

IS SHE UNDER-ESTIMATING ME, I WONDER?

BUT SINCE SHE'S TRYING TO BE CAREFUL,

THERE ARE CARDS THAT I CAN STILL PICK UP IN TIME.

北大★

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HUFF

GOOD!

OUR PLAYERS ARE ALL DOMINATING THEIR OPPONENTS. ALL EXCEPT FOR ME, THAT IT.

IS SHE DOING ME A FAVOR BY ACTUALLY THINKING SO LITTLE OF ME AS TO BELIEVE THAT SHE CAN ALWAYS TAKE ANY CARD FROM ME EVEN WITHOUT RESORTING TO HER TOP SPEED?

HEH...

HYORO-KUN IS AMAZING, AFTER ALL.

I CAN FEEL IT...

I CAN FEEL HOW MUCH HIS TEAM TRUSTS HIM,

AND HOW MINDFUL HE IS OF THEM.

JUST LIKE TAICHI.

北央

北央

HE'S NOT FAST, BUT HE'S THE TYPE TO ADAPT TO HIS OPPONENT.

SHIROYAMA-KUN IS A TROUBLESOME OPPONENT WHO'LL INSTANTLY PICK UP ANY CARD YOU FAIL TO TAKE WITH JUST THE RIGHT TIMING.

SO IN THE END, WHAT SHOULD I DO...

HE'S NOT EVEN FAST, BUT IT'S SO HARD TO PLAY HIM...

THIS IS BAD..

I CAN'T GET ANY OF THE CARDS I'M TARGETING.

KOMANO-SENPAI DUMPED A LOT OF INFO ABOUT HIM ON ME THOUGH...

BREATHE OUT.

I CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE.

I'M PLAYING IN OOE-SENPAI'S PLACE AFTER ALL.

I CAN'T LET THIS BECOME THE LAST MATCH FOR THE SENPAIS.

I CAN'T LOSE.

TSUKUBA-KUN.

Fuh ... fuh ...

MAKE SURE YOU EXHALE EVERY-THING.

Fuuuuuuuu

WHEN TOLD TO BREATHE, MOST PEOPLE WOULD INHALE SHARPLY,

BUT IT'S MORE IMPORTANT TO EXHALE FIRST.

MAKE SURE EXHALE, HUH... THAT'S...

THAT'S WHAT MASHIMA USED TO TELL US OFTEN...

EARLIER,

SHE ADVICED TO BREATHE PROPERLY TO ME, TOO...

WELL, EVERY-BODY,

LET'S CREATE A RHYTHM FIRST!

RIGHT!

PAT PAT PAT

PAT

CHIHAYA-CHAN...

THAT TAICHI WILL BE BACK SOMEDAY.

MAYBE YEARS LATER, OR DECADES LATER."

...DOESN'T THINK...

...THAT PRESIDENT MASHIMA

WILL BE FIGHTING TOGETHER WITH THE MIZUSAWA KARUTA CLUB EVER AGAIN...

FLIP

HUFF

HUFF

NEVER EVER AGAIN.

HE WON'T BE WITH US AGAIN.

PUH

PUH

EVEN TAMARU...

AYASE-SENPAI.

I JUST FAILED TO REALIZE IT...!

...THE SAME TYPE AS TAMARU?

WAIT... DOESN'T THAT MAKE HIM..

"HE'S NOT FAST, BUT HE'S THE TYPE TO ADAPT TO HIS OPPONENT."

"SINCE SHE IS A CLOSE RANGE CANNON, WE SHOULD PUT PRESSURE ON HER ONCE THE NUMBER OF CARDS ON THE PLAYING FIELD DWINDLES."

"DO NOT JUST GUESS."

"BE THOROUGH IN YOUR MEMORIZA-TION."

IF WE'RE TALKING ANTI-TAMARU TACTICS,

I CAME UP WITH QUITE A FEW USING OOE-SENPAI AS A MODEL

BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT TO LOSE TO TAMARU!

YESSS!

Fuuuuh

EXCEPT IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR SENPAIS ARE IN A TOUGH SPOT THEMSELVES, AND THEY DON'T HAVE TIME TO WASTE ON CODDLING YOU, NO?

Hito wa isa~

WELL, WELL AREN'T WE TRYING HARD TODAY!

HOW DO YOU LIKE FIGHTING IN A TEAM WITH ALL 5 PLAYERS PLAYING IN A LINE?

北大

WHO DID I REALLY WANT TO BECOME?

I DIDN'T QUIT KARUTA EVEN WHEN THE OTHERS IGNORED AND

SOMEONE WORTH PRAISING?

NO.

!!

DO YOUR BEST, TAMARU!

TRY YOUR HARDEST, TAMARU-SAN!

YOU'RE OUR FIRST YEAR STAR OF HOPE.

I...

...WAS COMING TO THE PRACTICE GROUNDS MORE THAN YOU DID.

AND I PLAYED AGAINST PEOPLE MUCH OLDER THAN MYSELF.

MY DESIRE TO GET STRONGER

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AND ALL MY HARD WORK

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WON'T JUST DISAPPEAR

EVEN IF NO ONE PRAISES ME!

WHAT ABOUT HYORO-SENPAI'S MATCH ?

4-8 IN SHIROYAMA-SENPAI'S MATCH.

7-5 IN OOTA'S MATCH.

6-6 IN MIMA'S MATCH.

AH...

THE MOMENTUM HAS STARTED TO SHIFT ?

PANS

THANK YOU FOR THE GAME

AH.

Tare wo kamo ~

1 WIN

FOR MIZU-SAWA!

BUST OUT TURBO MODE.

BUT WHEN ONE OF

北斗

YOUR TEAMMATES LOSES

Meguri nite-

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Nan mo yo wa-

Na-

UGH!

DON'T LET HYORO'S LOSS GO IN VAIN.

ALL RIGHT!

GO FOR IT, 1ST YEARS! WIN THIS!

ARGH ...

SUREFIRE WINNING PATTERN.

MAKE IT INTO HOKUOU'S

NOW HE HAS THE ADVANTAGE OF BEING THE ONE TO SEND A CARD!

THAT BALDY GUY'S REFLEXES ARE WAY TOO SHARP WHEN IT COMES TO THE CARDS FROM HIS OWN FORMATION...!

HUFF

THIS IS BAD.

CONSECUTIVE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES!

LOSING IS ABSOLUTELY NOT AN OPTION FOR US...

HUFF

NOT AFTER AYASE FOUND JUST THE RIGHT WORDS TO KICK-START US...

HUFF

E-

EXCUSE ME.

WE NEED TO STOP THEIR MOMEN-TUM.

WE HAVE TO DO SOME-THING...

THEIR FEET ARE THOSE OF PEOPLE WHO SPENT YEARS PRACTICING ON THE TATAMI.

SO, LET US DO OUR BEST UNTIL WE, TOO, GET CALLOUSES ON OUR FEET LIKE THEM

IT'S ONLY STARTING FOR US!

SO LET'S DO THIS, MIZUSA-WAAAIII

Wata no hara~

Ya~

SLIP

LET'S CLOSE IN ON THEM!

ALRIGHT! I TOOK IT!

BE-CAUSE HE'S A LEFTY, HUH...

HE GOT TO IT FROM THE SIDE SO EASILY...

A MULTI SYLLABLE CARD...

THAT'S BEEN PULLING US, ME INCLUDED, ALONG ALL THIS TIME.

IT WAS AYASE'S GREED

THIS PATH

HAS BECOME MY OWN KARUTA PATH.

BUT NOW THAT I GOT CALLOUSES ON MY FEET,

GOOD!

GOOD.

IN ORDER TO GIVE OUR TEAM THE CHANCE TO WIN WITH WHATEVER PLAYERS WE HAVE RIGHT NOW,

TO PLAY THE ROLE OF THE COORDI-NATOR LIKE MASHIMA DID,

DESPITE BEING CLUMSY, AYASE HAD THE GUTS TO TAKE IT UPON HERSELF

THESE PAST 2 YEARS, THESE TWO SCHOOLS CAME TO FIGHT EACH OTHER FEROCIOUS-LY...

THIS YEAR'S MATCH IS ALSO A SIGHT TO SEE.

AS EXPECTED FROM HOKUOU AND MIZUSAWA...

WOW!

WHAT A HEATED FIGHTING.

WE COULDN'T CARE LESS ABOUT STUFF LIKE HAVING A GOOD MATCH.

TOMIHARA WEST AND HOUMEI ARE HAVING A GOOD GAME AS WELL.

ONLY 5 CARDS LEFT, BUT IT'S STILL IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY WHICH TEAM WOULD WIN THIS

YEAH.

WHERE WINNING
THERE ARE FIGHTS
THAT COUNTS.
IS THE ONLY THING
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Karuta championship tournament
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WHAT'S THIS?

WHAT ARE THEY DOING?

CHAMPION-SHIP TOURNA-MENT?

KARUTA?

FOR REAL?

It's too hot today.

I'm dead beat.

Did you watch yesterday's match? Barca was awesome.

GEE, WHY KARUTA?

PLAYING SOMETHING LIKE KARUTA

LEADS NOWHERE, NO...?

BOYS.

SO THAT THE CHILDREN WITH GOOD HEARING WON'T HEAR YOU?

WOULD YOU MIND BEING QUIET

I'M SO GLAD I GOT TO EXPERIENCE THIS ATMOSPHERE FOR YOURSELF, SP
WOULD YOU STILL BE ABLE TO SAY THOSE WORDS

HUFF

HUFF

-WHAT'S HAPPEN-ING IN HOUMEI'S MATCH?

HOW MANY WINS DOES IT TAKE FOR US TO BE ABLE TO GO TO THE NATIONALS?

HUFF

I WANT TO WIN AGAINST HIM

MOREOVER, I DON'T THINK HE PLAYS KARUTA LONGER THAN ME...

AND I'M STILL ONLY CLASS B ..

NOT TO MENTION, CLASS A DESPITE BEING ONLY A FIRST YEAR... IMPRESSIVE

THE VOLUME AND QUALITY OF HIS MUSCLES IS ON A DIFFERENT LEVEL.

HE'S AN ATHLETE.

HE'S A COMPETITIVE AND PERSISTENT OPPONENT.

WHEN I FIRST SAW HIM, I FELT LIKE WE MIGHT BE SIMILAR,

BUT NOW THAT I'M PLAYING HIM, I KNOW THAT THAT IMPRESSION WAS WRONG.

IT'S LIKE HE'S SEEING THROUGH EACH AND EVERY CARD.

EXCUSE ME.
I WILL MOVE THE CARDS.
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
北光
われてもすえにあはむとそおもふ

ya
ko-
no~

Ko-

re

BAM

HE FIGURED OUT SETA-KUN'S TARGET FROM THE SLIGHT SHIFT OF HIS CENTER OF GRAVITY TO THE RIGHT

Hmff

Hmff

SETA-KUN WAS READY TO GO AFTER THE 2 ONE-SYLLABLE CARDS DIAGONALLY FROM HIM

Se

Ho

THAT WAS CLEV-ER!

HE STARTED WITH A DEFENSIVE COVER THEN USED THE PIN-DOWN TECHNIQUE TO TAKE THAT CARD!

!!

TO ME, THIS KIND OF CARDS HAVE SPECIAL VALUE,

IN THE SITUATION WHERE "KONU" AND "KONO" HAD YET TO BE READ,

ATTACKING "KORE" SURELY WAS DIFFICULT

BUT THEN TSUKUE-KUN MOVED THE "HO" CARD.

Se

Move

Ho

MAKING SETA-KUN SHIFT HIS CENTER OF GRAVITY TO THE RIGHT EVEN MORE.

SINCE I'M NOT BLESSED WITH A LOT OF TALENT.

MASHIMA ...

FUH
FUH
HUFF
HUFF
DON'T LOSE FOCUS, MIMA!
MIMA'S NOT VERY CONSISTENT, IS HE.
IT'S A SEESAW BETWEEN MIMA AND THAT ROUND GUY AS WELL...
...P-
.....
IF...
IF YOU LOSE, I'M GONNA BLOW YOU TO SMITHEREENS!
.....
PLEASE ONLY SAY "BLOW YOU" TO ME!

Su-

mi

no e

no~

YOU'RE SO DEAD...!!!

HOW COULD HE COMMIT A FAULT NOW, OF ALL TIMES?!

THAT IDIOT SWEPT "SE" INSTEAD OF "SU"~~~~~~~~~~!!!

I'M GOING TO SEND "IMA KO".

IF ALL FOUR OF US COULD SYNCH OUR CARDS ...

L-LUCKY ME, I GUESS...

4 CARDS LEFT...

WE'LL MAKE USE OF OUR EXPERIENCE

AH, I APOLOGIZE, I WON'T DO THIS AGAIN.

DO NOT ANNOUNCE OUT LOUD THE CARDS YOU HAVE.

YOU OVER THERE.

AND PREPARE FOR THE TEAM LUCK OF THE DRAW.

MASHIMA ...

WHY ARE YOU NOT HERE?

"I DON'T HAVE ANY TALENT FOR KARUTA EITHER."

"IT'S TOUGH, BUT I STILL PLAY IT."

"I LOSE, BUT I KEEP PLAYING ANYWAY."

TAMAR[illegible] LOSS
VS
OOBA WIN
BY 3 CARDS

THANK YOU FOR THE GAME.

THANK YOU FOR THE GAME.

TSUKUBA LOSS
VS
SHIROYAMA WIN
BY 3 CARDS

2 WINS FOR HOKUOU !!!

1 WIN FOR HOKUOU!!!

北央

2 LOSSES...

MIZUSAWA NOW HAS 1 WIN AND 2 LOSSES.

HUFF

HUFF

PAT

UP UNTIL 3 CARDS. YOU DID WELL.

YOU WERE STRONG.

NOW LEAVE IT

TO US THIRD YEARS.

Ho-

北火

toto-

gisu-

THIS WAS

TODAY'S BEST TAKE FOR BOTH OF THEM...

WE HAD NO TIME TO SPLIT THE CARDS BETWEEN US.

THEY SYNCHED THE CARDS,

TURNING

"BUT WHEN I DO WIN,

YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW HAPPY IT MAKES ME..."

THE ONE TO HOLD YOUR FATE IS NOT YOURSELF.

Se

wo

kaya-

mi~

AND WE DON'T HAVE ALL THAT MANY INDIVIDUAL WINS EITHER...
WE HAVE MORE TEAM LOSSES THAN WINS NOW! 2 LOSSES AND ONLY 1 WIN...
4 LOSSES AND 1 WIN...
AHH, THAT'S IT.
WELL, THIS IS, UH...
MIZUSAWA'S PROBABLY DONE FOR
ワアア!!
IN THE MATCH BETWEEN HOKUOU ACADEMY AND MIZUSAWA HIGH
WITH 4 WINS AND 1 LOSS
THE WINNER IS HOKUOU ACADEMY.

IT'S MY FAULT.

EVERY-THING IS MY FAULT.

I WANTED TO HAVE A MATCH WITH ALL 5 OF US PLAYING IN A LINE NEXT TO EACH OTHER...

IS IT REALLY IT FOR US?

OVER IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE, JUST LIKE THAT?

I'M SORRY, TAICHI.

UH ...

I'M SORRY, EVERY-BODY.

I'M SORRY, SENSEI.

UGH

AAH ...

TAICHI.

IN A LINE ALL TOGETHER ...

WITH 5 OF US

I WANTED TO PLAY MORE

EHEM.

IN THE MATCH BETWEEN HOUMEI HIGH AND TOMIHARA WEST HIGH,

THE WINNER IS TOMIHARA WEST HIGH, WITH 3 WINS AND 2 LOSSES.

一札入魂

CAPTAINS

1 W N

1 W N

AH, THEY'RE TIED.

HOW MANY WINS DO THE CAPTAINS HAVE?

THEY SAID THEY ARE GOING TO BREAK THE TIE BY COMPARING THE NUMBER OF WINS IN THE ORDER OF RANKS WITHIN THE TEAMS, FROM THE CAPTAINS TO FIFTH SEATS.

AND HOUMEI AND MIZUSAWA ARE TIED IN THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL WINS AS WELL, 6 WINS EACH...

HOW ARE THEY GONNA DECIDE NOW?

HUH?

SO WITH THE EXCEPTION OF HOKUOU, THE OTHER 3 SCHOOLS EACH HAVE 1 TEAM WIN AND 2 LOSSES?

ALL LOSSES
3RD SEATS
3 WINS
VICE CAPTAINS
ALL LOSSES
3 WINS
HEH! 3RD SEATS HAVE NO INFLUENCE ON THE RESULT AT ALL!
EH, A TIE AGAIN!
一札入魂
一札入魂
4TH SEATS ...

squick

Kana-chan's teachings

Wiping swiftly with a cloth wrung out to the limit...

Chillaxin

BUZZZ

squick squick

BUZZZ

PLEASE ALLOW ME TO DO AT LEAST THIS MUCH.

WE SAID YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THE CLEANING, MASHIMA-KUN.

I'VE BEEN IMPOSING ON YOUR KINDNESS, AFTER ALL.

OH MY, YOU'RE SO SERIOUS.

I CAN'T COME, HYORO.

New message Send

To Mashima Taichi

Subject

In 2nd round Mizusawa won 3 and
matches barely making it. Does
good for them. Come here alre

Kinashi

New message Send

Mashima Taichi

2nd round Mizusawa won 3 and lo
matches. barely making it. Doesn't
good for them. Come here alread

Kinashi

NOT AFTER I LEFT THE CLUB THE WAY I HAD, DESPITE BEING ITS PRESIDENT.

RIGHT NOW, I'M BETTER OFF WITH SUOU-SAN.

...DON'T BELONG TO THE MIZUSAWA KARUTA CLUB ANYMORE.

I...

WHAT?!

Angry cursed messages?....

BUZZZZ

BUZZZZ

BUZZZZ

BUZZZZ

BUZZZZ

Too long...

< Mailbox

Inbox

Edit

16:21

Nishida Yuusei
Nationals, yeah!

16:20

Ooe Kana
We have made it!

Hanano Sumire
We'll go to Oumijinguu!

Komano Tsutomu
We'll be at Nationals

Tsukuba Akihiro
...lost but we made

From: Komano Tsutomu

Subject: We'll be at Nationals

We and Hokuou will be at Nationals
We were tied with Houmei with 1 win
and 2 losses, so it was all about the
number of individual wins. Captains
Ikuman-kun and Sasa-san both had
win, vice-captains Ayase and Take
re also tied with 3 wins, 3rd seats
naru-san and Mori-kun both lost a
ches.. up until then the number o
was the same, and then finally w
ne to 4th seats, I had 2 wins, wh
er's Nami-san only 1, and it

Inbox

From: Ooe Kana

Subject: We made it!

Good afternoon. I hope you are well.
Although barely, we have made it, an
the Mizusawa karuta club will appear
at Nationals this year again. The wh
ken hard as a united front
bring this result

< Inbox

From: Nishida Yuusei

Subject: Nationals, yeah!

It was bad!
We were almost done for
But we made it!
Nationals hell yeeeeah!

Inbox

From: Hanano Sumire

Subject: We'll go to Oumijinguu!

Mashima-senpaaaaai!
I wished you saaaaw it! The other se
worked so unbelievably hard and than
we've made iiiiiit!(´ / ω ; `)

and Takei-kun were also tied with 3 wins, 3rd seats Tamaru-san and Mori-kun both lost all matches... up until then the number of wins was the same, and then finally when it came to 4th seats, I had 2 wins, while Houmei's Nami-san only 1, and it was the tiebreaker, allowing the Mizusawa karuta club to be the ones to go to Nationals.

< Inbox

From: Ayase Chihaya

Subject:

We can go to Nationals.
The last card read was

We can go to Nationals.
The last card read was
"se".

崇徳院

瀬をはやみ
岩にせかるる
滝川の
われても末に
あはむとぞ思ふ

NOR ABOUT "MISSING".

THAT POEM IS NOT ABOUT "WAITING",

IT'S ABOUT ASKING FATE FOR A CHANCE TO COME ACROSS EACH OTHER ONCE MORE.

chillaxin
Rx

I WONDER IF I, TOO,

chillax!

Rx

AM CAUGHT IN THE NETS OF FATE...

I STILL WISH FOR A COMPA-NION...

EVEN THOUGH I SEPARATED MYSELF FROM THE TEAM,

...WITH WHOM I COULD KEEP WORKING HARD ON THE TATAMI.

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IN THE WEEK SINCE I WAS INTRODUCED TO THIS SHOP... I'VE BOUGHT EVERY KIND OF PASTRY IT SELLS AND SAMPLED THEM.

WH-WHAT IS THAT?

I recommend Maron bun! Try it!

EH, ALL OF THEM?!

YES, AND THIS "MARON BUN" TURNED OUT TO BE THE MOST DELICIOUS,

SO I LAMINATED A COUPLE OF PIECES TO MAKE THEM DURABLE.

SO WITH ALL MY HEART I WISH FOR IT TO SELL MORE,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TRUST.

WAKAMIYA-SAN, THIS IS YOUR THIRD DAY TODAY, RIGHT?

WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU.

I recommend Maron bun! Try it!

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All by yourself?

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BE SURE TO WORK THE REGISTER AND SERVE CUSTOMERS IN A SPEEDY MANNER.

SPEEDY?

THEY'RE HOLDING AN EVEN ON SUNDAY, SO WE'RE GOING TO GET CROWDS.

THE NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS WILL BE NOTHING LIKE WHAT YOU DEALT WITH UNTIL TODAY.

YOU SURE SOUND CONFIDENT.

OKAY, SALES, START!

I DARESAY MY ABILITIES ARE NOT LACKING WHEN IT COMES TO PRECISION AND SPEED.

IT'S GOING TO WORK OUT.

I'LL BE ABLE TO SAVE UP ENOUGH TO BUY A KIMONO

WORKING 2-5 HOURS 3 DAYS A WEEK WITH THE HOURLY PAY OF 800 YEN,

WAKAMIYA -SAN, PLEASE HURRY!

RIGHT!

DISTRACTED

Cute...

Maron bun - 250 yen

IT WAS IN CHILDREN'S SIZE, BUT THE FACT THAT HE MADE IT MEANS HE HAS THAT CUSTOM FABRIC.

I'M SURE HE WILL TAKE AN ORDER FOR THAT KIMONO IN ADULT SIZE, TOO

THE SNOW-HIME COLLABORATION KIMONO THAT DRAPER FUJIOKA-SAN HAD.

Hurry! Hurry!

I DON'T LIKE PASTRIES, BUT I STILL MANAGED TO EAT ALL OF THEM.

ALTHOUGH I HAD TO SKIP TODAY'S TOURNA-MENT.

SLOTS SLOTS

SHOWING

ビク!

You're too abrupt, and too forceful

WAKAMIYA-SAN!

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IT'S FRESHLY BAKED, SO PLEASE HELP YOURSELF!

THIS IS THE BUN I RECOM-MEND!

WAKAMIYA-SAN...

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WELCO...

3

I WON'T BORROW ANYONE'S HELP.

I WILL LIVE...

AT THE BANK! EXCHANGE IT AT THE BANK!

I'M SORRY, BUT I ONLY HAVE 52 YEN IN SMALL CHANGE ON ME.

WAKAMIYA-SAN, PLEASE EXCHANGE THIS MONEY.

OH NO, THERE'S NOT ENOUGH CHANGE.

...ON MY OWN WITH THE THINGS I LIKE.

THE WINNER OF THE TOKYO METROPOLIS PRELIMINARIES IS

HOKUOU ACADEMY.

BUT EVEN THEY HAD CLOSE MATCHES THAT COULD HAVE GONE EITHER WAY.

GOING BY EACH SCHOOL'S NUMBERICAL RESULTS, ALL THE TEAMS WERE OF ROUGHLY THE SAME STRENGTH.

MMM ...

IN THE END, HOKUOU WON THEIR EVERY MATCH.

CRITICISM

CONGRATULATIONS.

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WHO IS THIS PERSON?

HE'S THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TOKYO PRELIMS COMMITTEE, I HEARD.

WASHIO-SAN FROM YANAGI-SAWA KARUTA SOCIETY

HE HAD THINGS MOVING FORWARD IN SUCH A CALM AND PROFESSIONAL MANNER

HE LOOKS PLAIN, BUT HE'S RELIABLE

WHAT WAS IT THAT MADE THE DIFFERENCE?

TOKYO METROPOLIS PRELIMINARIES
EXCUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
YANAGISAWA KARUTA SOCIETY
WASHIO HIROKI, DAN 6

THE POWER OF

THE TEAM ☆ MAINSTAY'S ☆ PRESENCE!

WHAT TRULY SUPPORTS A TEAM IS

NOT THE STRENGTH TO WIN OVERWHEL-MINGLY

BUT THE DEDICATION AND PERSEVERANCE OF YOUR KARUTA IN THE TIME OF A CRISIS.

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THE POWER ☆ OF ☆ ENDURANCE!

Endure...

THE STRENGTH OF THE MAINSTAY WHO IS SINCERELY RESPECTED BY THEIR TEAM-MATES...

チャリ

HOKUOU HAD IT.

THE POWER ☆ OF ☆ UNITY!

AT THE NATIONALS AS WELL.

北央★

I EXPECT GREAT THINGS FROM YOU

YOU'RE COLD LIKE THAT.

YOU ONLY BOTHER LOOKING AT THOSE WHO ARE STRONGER THAN YOU.

北央

BUT THE DEDICATION AND PERSEVERANCE OF YOUR KARUTA IN THE TIME OF A CRISIS.

NOT THE STRENGTH TO WIN OVERWHELMINGLY

WHAT TRULY SUPPORTS A TEAM IS

TRUE.

SO TRUE.

THAT'S SO TRUE!

HERO

SASA, YOU'RE WAY TOO VINDICTIVE !!!

"HANA", "KOI", "OOE", "AKI", "MI", "ASABO", "SA"...

THEY KEPT TAKING THEM FROM ME.

AND TOOK, AND TOOK.

THEY TOOK THEM FROM ME.

SOOOB

I WASN'T STRONG ENOUGH!

TO, LAST FOREVER."

HERO

"THESE DAYS AREN'T GOING

BUT, SENSEI ...

"YOU ONLY HAVE "NOW" TO DO EVERYTHING YOU CAN."

SENSEI...

YOUTH

IS OVER FOR YOU AND US NOW...

UGH ...

IT'S OVER ....

OVER ...

OH...

TH-

THAT...

AH HA HA HA HA HA

AS IF YOUR YOUTH ENDS THE MOMENT YOU GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL!

THAT WAS ALL LIES!

!?

HA HA HA HA HA HA

AND I'M TRYING REAL HARD NOW, TOO.

I'M HAVING WAY MORE FUN AS THE KARUTA CLUB ADVISOR THAN BACK WHEN I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL MYSELF!

ACTUALLY, YOU KNOW, EVEN FOR ME...

.....

MY...

ブンブンブン

AND 5 ROUNDS OF DECISIVE SYLLABLE RECOGNITION EXERCISES!

100 PRACTICE SWINGS!

WE'RE GONNA PRACTICE TAKING TARGET CARDS PAYING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO ALWAYS KEEP YOUR HANDS CLOSE TO THE CARDS

ブンブンブン

I'VE SEEN MANY OLD GEEZERS

AND MANY OLD LADIES,

THAT'S WHY I KNOW, BELIEVE ME.

SO LISTEN CAREFULLY TO WHAT I'M GONNA SAY NOW, OKAY, GUYS?

HERO

MY YOUTH

一札

HERO IS ONLY JUST STARTING ....

YOUTH COMES MANY TIMES.

YOU CAN EXPERIENCE IT MANY, MANY TIMES,

SO MAKE SURE YOU WORK HARD EACH OF THOSE TIMES,

OKAY?

SORRY YOU HAD TO WAIT, MOM.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

BUT ARE YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANT TO GO TOGETHER WITH EVERYONE ELSE?

WE DECIDED NOT TO HAVE A MEETING TODAY AND JUST GO HOME, SO...

"YOU ONLY BOTHER LOOKING AT THOSE WHO ARE STRONGER THAN YOU."

CHIHA-YA...

MY WORDING WAS WRONG...

WHAT I SAID TO YOU EARLIER ..

YOU JUST

ALWAYS ...

...TRIED TO BE BY THE STRONG AND LONELY PEOPLE'S SIDE.

SO YOU'RE NOT COLD.

AND YOU'RE NOT WRONG.

EH?!

EH?

SEE YA.

"NORMALLY YOU NEVER PAY THE LIKES OF ME ANY ATTENTION, CHIHAYA."

HANG IN THERE, HYORO.

THEY'RE THE ONES THAT LOST.

ONLY 8.

JUST 8 CARDS.

WHAT DAN ARE YOU IN KARUTA?

YOU GUYS ARE FROM WEST OOBOSHI-SHOU, RIGHT?

DAN?

PFFT!

HYURO-KUN?

IT'S HIRO! KINASHI HIRO!

HYORO-KUN.

CONGRATU-LATIONS ON YOUR VICTORY,

REALLY STRONG.

HOKUOU WAS STRONG.

What the hell?

Eh?!

What's the holdup, Hyoro?

Oh

WE WON'T LOSE TO YOU.

BUT AT THE NATIONALS

GO HOME WITH-OUT ME!

SORRY, MOM,

BUT

EH, CHIHAYA?

Yukari will kill you

Better stop!

Hey what the hell!

2 timing?

MAKE SURE NOT TO FORGET ANYTHING.

HOW LONG DO WE HAVE TILL THE TRAIN?

10 MINUTES.

EVERY-BODY!

I KNOW YOU'RE TIRED, BUT

HOW ABOUT A REVIEW MEETING ANYWAY?!

!

I WANT TO GO HOME

WITH ALL OF YOU.

OR MAYBE NOT A MEETING EXACTLY ...

IT'S JUST THAT I...

"THE POWER OF THE TEAM MAINSTAY'S PRESENCE."

EHー?!

EH? ALL OF US?

ALL OF YOU.

BUT WE'RE ALL GOING IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS...

I'LL WALK YOU.

Mass going home?

What's that?

"PLAYING SOMETHING LIKE KARUTA LEADS NOWHERE, NO...?"

AND EVEN IF IT'S NOT ME SHE GOES HOME TOGETHER WITH,

OR MAKE A LIVING WITH KARUTA. .

EVEN IF SHE CAN'T BECOME A PROFESSIONAL PLAYER

I'M STILL GLAD SHE HAS KARUTA.

Sweet Bread

NEXT TIME, PLEASE ALSO BUY MARON BUN.

OH? IS IT YUMMY?

RATHER THAN YUMMY, IT'S CUTE.

HM HM HM

IT'S NO GOOD IF IT'S NOT YUMMY, NO?

WHAT ARE YOUR OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS?

BEEP

BEEP

AH, I COULD ALSO RECOMMEND

SAD BREAD. IT'S KIND OF CUTE, TOO.

Apron in the shape of a sad face

SLOOOW—

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK, WAKAMIYA-SAN.

AND UM... COULD WE TALK ...?

EH?

IT'S UN-FORTUNATE.

WE JUST CAN'T AFFORD TO EMPLOY SOMEONE WHO ISN'T AN EFFECTIVE WORKER.

clang

YEAH, EVEN WITH WAKAMIYA-SAN'S REFFERENCE, IT'S JUST A BIT TOO MUCH...

PREDICTABLY, FINDING USES FOR A HIGH CLASS SPOILED GIRL IS TOUGH.

KEEP QUIET, YOU PEOPLE.

I HOPE YOU CAN FIND A JOB MORE SUITABLE TO YOU.

I WAS NEVER A PASTRY LOVER TO BEGIN WITH.

...THANK YOU.

SO MAYBE IT'S FOR THE BEST.

WHAT IS THIS?

ｺﾄ...

I THOUGHT THEY WOULD BE GOOD WITH TEA...

THESE ARE PASTRIES, ARE THEY NOT?

SHINOBU-OJOUSAN BOUGHT QUITE A FEW OF THEM FROM THE PASTRY SHOP SHE WORKS PART-TIME AT...

AND SHE ATE HALF OF EACH OF THEM?

That girl

SHE IS REALLY TRYING HER BEST.

I DO NOT LIKE PASTRIES, MYSELF.

NO.

AH.

THEN I SHALL TAKE THEM AWAY.

SOONER OR LATER,

I MIGHT TRY MAKING THEM AT HOME.

BANG

munch

SHINOBU-SAN?

MAKING PASTRIES?

BUT THE YOUNG LADY'S PART-TIME JOB IS NOT ABOUT MAKING PASTRIES

AH.

SNOW MARU

I WAS NOT AWARE THAT THE ROOM WAS IN USE.

I APOLO-GIZE.

munch

AH,

I SHALL LEAVE AS WELL.

IF YOU WILL EXCUSE ME.

SLIDE

I WANTED TO ASK WHEN ARE YOU PLANNING TO VACATE THE TATAMI ROOM?

I WOULD LIKE TO PRACTICE.

.....

WHAT IS IT?

I SIMPLY WANTED TO PLAY KARUTA.

WHY?

KARUTA...

SHINOBU ...

WHAT IS WRONG,

I WANT TO MAKE A LIVING WITH KARUTA,

AND I CAN'T!

I'LL BECOME LIKE MY MOTHER.

BUT I ALSO CAN'T WITH ANYTHING ELSE.

I DON'T LOVE ANYTHING OTHER THAN KARUTA,

AND KARUTA IS ALL I'M GOOD AT!

JUST A USELESS BURDEN,

LIVING OFF HER GRAND-MOTHER!

IT'S FRUST-RATING!

AND SCARY!

BUT I STILL CAN'T!

EH?

NO!

MY CARDS!

THEY'RE MINE!

THEY'RE MINE!

I BOUGHT THEM.

IF YOU WANT THEM...

...YOUR ONLY CHOICE IS TO BECOME A PROFESSIONAL KARUTA PLAYER.

HUH?

KARUTA HAS NO PROFESS-IONAL PLAYERS.

YOU ARE THE QUEEN, ARE YOU NOT?

THE STRONGEST FEMALE PLAYER IN JAPAN, IS THAT CORRECT?

I...

...WON'T LOSE EVEN TO MEIJIN SUOU!

I'M THE STRONGEST PLAYER IN JAPAN REGARDLESS OF GENDER!

SNOW MARU

YOU ARE YOUNG,

BEAU-TIFUL,

WHICH MEANS YOU ARE THE BEST IN THE WORLD.

AND THE STRONGEST IN THE WORLD. IF YOU CANNOT BECOME A PROFESSIONAL PLAYER, THEN NO ONE CAN.

PREPARE YOURSELF, SHINOBU.

BECOME THE VERY FIRST

PROFESSIONAL KARUTA PLAYER IN THE WORLD.

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